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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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TAGS: ENGR, VE, CS, ES

SUBJECT: ENERGY: GOES ATTITUDE TOWARD CENTRAL AMERICAN MINISTERIAL
VISIT TO VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 1072; SAN JOSE 0422

1. ACCORDING TO UNDER SECRETARY ROBLES OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMY,
GOES EXPECTS LITTLE FROM VENEZUELA MISSION AS IT VIEWS PROBLEM
AS MORE ONE OF COSTS THAN OF SUPPLY. GOES, VIEWING SITUATION
REALISTICALLY, DID NOT EXPECT GOV TO FOREGO EVEN A PORTION OF THE
IMMENSE WINDFALL PROFITS IT IS NOW REAPING BY CAPITALIZING ON
WORLD OIL CRISIS.

1. GOES THEREFORE PARTICIPATED IN CA MISSION TO VENEZUELA AT
SUB-SECRETARIAL LEVEL. ROBLES FEELS THAT VENEZUELAN REACTION
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TO MISSION WAS FOREORDAINED AND FOUND RESULTS NEITHER DIS-

APPOINTING NOR HEARTENING.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT VENEZUELAN OFFER TO FUNNEL CAPITAL INTO CENTRAL AMERICAN OR LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, ROBLES' REACTION WAS LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC.

4. ROBLES IS AWARE OF COSTA RICAN PRESS REPORTS THAT GOCR MINISTER KOGAN HAD ANNOUNCED A \$200M. VENEZUELAN FINANCED REFINERY FOR COSTA RICA BUT VIEWS PROJECT AS A COMPOUND OF COSTANRICAN ROMANTICISM AND ELECTION-EVEN FEVER.

COMMENT: ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH A REFINERY, SHOULD IT BE INTENDED TO SERVICE THE ENTIRE CENTRAL AMERICAN MARKET, WOULD PROBABLY BE RESISTED BY OTHER CA COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD FIND THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT REFINERIES THREATENED.
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